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October 29, 2004

Via ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service
 Administrator's Board of Directors
 CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with FCC Rule 54.703(c)(2), the accompanying letter to FCC Chairman Michael Powell submitting the name of Mr. Jonathan Banks as the nominee to the Universal Service Administrator's Board of Directors for the director position representing "the largest incumbent local exchange carriers" is being filed with you. A copy of this transmittal letter, the attached letter to Chairman Powell, and a copy of Mr. Banks' resume are also being provided via e-mail to Sheryl Todd, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireless Competition Bureau, in accordance with *Public Notice* DA 04-2895 (rel. Sept. 8, 2004) in the above referenced matter. I request that you process this filing so that Chairman Powell may give due consideration to this nomination.

Please contact me at 202-326-7269 if you have questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James W. Olson", is positioned above the printed name.

James W. Olson
Vice President, Law and General Counsel

Attachments

cc: The Honorable Michael K. Powell, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
 Sheryl Todd, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC



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Via E-mail

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service
Administrator's Board of Directors
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write to you on behalf of USTA members BellSouth, SBC and Verizon, to nominate Jonathan Banks to a seat on the Board of the Universal Service Administrative Company. We believe that Mr. Banks' appointment to this seat is in the best interests of continuing the coordination between USAC and the largest of the local exchange providers.

Pursuant to the Commission's rules, I have enclosed a copy of Mr. Banks' professional and biographical information. Mr. Banks has been a leader within his company in managing its telecommunications policy and regulatory filings. In addition, he is an accomplished veteran of our industry's various cooperative committees such as USTA's Large Company Caucus and Regulatory Tactics Committee and has served as Co-Chair of the FCBA Common Carrier Committee. His expertise and experience combined make him an ideal candidate to serve as a member of the USAC Board.

I am confident that when you review Mr. Banks' resume you will agree that his unique abilities and experience, along with his unflagging dedication to improving education, make him a logical choice for appointment to the USAC Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter B. McCormick, Jr.", is positioned above the printed name.

Walter B. McCormick, Jr.

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EXPERIENCE:

Vice President – Executive and Federal Regulatory Affairs, BellSouth, August 2004 – Present.

Responsible for developing and managing advocacy of public policy positions concerning communications regulation before federal policy makers. Present regulatory positions before federal policy makers, industry groups and at industry conferences. Provide support for legislative efforts. Represent BellSouth on the USTA Regulatory Tactics Committee and on industry groups.

General Counsel, BellSouth D.C. Office, 2000 – August 2004.

Provide legal support for communications legislative and regulatory initiatives. Draft comments and present legal and policy positions before governmental agencies. Support efforts to obtain authority to provide long distance services at Department of Justice and FCC. Prepare appellate briefs concerning judicial review of regulatory orders.

General Attorney -- Antitrust and Regulatory, BellSouth, 1995 - 2000.

Provide antitrust advice and representation before courts and federal agencies. Support efforts to obtain authority to provide long distance services at state and federal agencies.

Attorney, Armstrong World Industries, Inc., October 1993 – 1995.

Responsible for antitrust compliance and litigation at Fortune 500 manufacturer of interior furnishings.

Deputy Assistant Director, Federal Trade Commission, Association and Business Practices Division, Bureau of Competition, September 1990 – October 1993.

Supervise thirteen attorneys and six support staff investigating and litigating competition cases. The Division's work focused on trade associations, pharmaceuticals, medical products, distribution, autos and auto parts and involved domestic and foreign corporations.

Advisor, Hungarian Competition Agency, September 1992 – December 1992.

Advise the Hungarian Competition Agency on competition and consumer protection law and policy.

Attorney, Federal Trade Commission, Health Care Division, Bureau of Competition, September 1984 - September 1990.

Investigate and litigate mergers and conduct cases in the health care industry. Cases involved hospital and medical care providers, purchasing groups, durable medical equipment suppliers and a wide variety of third-party payment organizations. Substantially responsible for obtaining the Commission's first order in a non-profit hospital merger case and the Commission's first order dissolving a corporation.

Staff Attorney, Association of American Railroads, August 1983 – August 1984.

Develop positions on railroad rate regulation and state taxation issues.

EDUCATION:

University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan. J.D., May 1983.

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. B.A. in Economics with Honors, May 1980.

BAR ADMISSION:

District of Columbia, 1983.